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**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION  
OF ANNEXES TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY  
EXAMINATION REPORT (ARTICLE 34):**

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## Claims

1. The use of copolymers comprising alkylene oxide units and comprising, in randomly or blockwise copolymerized form,

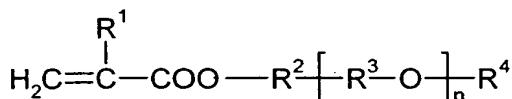
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- (a) 50 to 93 mol% of acrylic acid and/or a water-soluble salt of acrylic acid,  
(b) 5 to 30 mol% of methacrylic acid and/or a water-soluble salt of methacrylic acid

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and

- (c) 2 to 20 mol% of at least one nonionic monomer of the formula I



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in which the variables have the following meanings:

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen or methyl;

20 R<sup>2</sup> is a chemical bond or unbranched or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylene;

R<sup>3</sup> is identical or different unbranched or branched C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylene radicals;

R<sup>4</sup> is unbranched or branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl;

n is 3 to 50,

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as deposit-inhibiting additives in rinse aids for dishwashers.

2. The use according to claim 1, wherein the copolymers comprise 65 to 85 mol% of component (a), 10 to 25 mol% of component (b) and 5 to 15 mol% of component (c) in copolymerized form.

3. The use according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the copolymers comprise 65 to 75 mol% of component (a), 15 to 25 mol% of component (b) and 5 to 10 mol% of component (c) in copolymerized form.

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4. The use according to claims 1 to 3, wherein the copolymers comprise, as component (c), a nonionic monomer of the formula I, in which R<sup>1</sup> is methyl, R<sup>2</sup> is a chemical bond, R<sup>3</sup> is C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkylene, R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl and n is 5 to 40, in copolymerized form.

5. The use according to claims 1 to 4, wherein the copolymers comprise, as component (c), a nonionic monomer of the formula I, in which R<sup>1</sup> is methyl, R<sup>2</sup> is a chemical bond, R<sup>3</sup> is ethylene, R<sup>4</sup> is methyl and n is 10 to 30, in copolymerized form.
6. The use according to claims 1 to 5, wherein the copolymers comprise -SO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> Na<sup>+</sup> and/or -SO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> Na<sup>+</sup> as end groups.
- 10 7. A rinse aid for dishwashers which comprises copolymers according to claims 1 to 6 as deposit-inhibiting additive.